

CHAPTER 118

RIGHTS OF BLIND PERSONS

S. F. 608

AN ACT relating to the blind, the partially blind and the physically disabled.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. It is the policy of this state to encourage and enable
2 the blind, the partially blind and the physically disabled to participate
3 fully in the social and economic life of the state and to engage in
4 remunerative employment.

1 SEC. 2. The blind, the partially blind and the physically disabled
2 shall be employed in the state service, the service of the political sub-
3 divisions of the state, the public schools, and all other employment
4 supported in whole or in part by public funds, on the same terms and
5 conditions as the able-bodied, unless it is shown that the particular
6 disability prevents the performance of the work required.

1 SEC. 3. The blind, the partially blind and the physically disabled
2 have the same right as the able-bodied to the full and free use of the
3 streets, highways, sidewalks, walkways, public buildings, public ele-
4 vators, public facilities and other public places.

1 SEC. 4. The blind, the partially blind and the physically disabled
2 are entitled to full and equal accommodations, facilities, and privileges
3 of all common carriers, airplanes, motor vehicles, railroad trains,
4 motor buses, street cars, boats, other public conveyances or modes of
5 transportation, hotels, lodging places, eating places, places of public
6 accommodation, amusement, or resort, and other places to which the
7 general public is invited, subject only to the conditions and limitations
8 established by law and applicable alike to all persons.

1 SEC. 5. Every blind or partially blind person shall have the right
2 to be accompanied by a guide dog, under control and especially trained
3 for the purpose, in any of the places listed in sections three (3) and
4 four (4) without being required to make any additional payment for
5 the guide dog. He shall be liable for any damage done to the premises
6 or facilities by such dog.

1 SEC. 6. A blind or partially blind pedestrian not carrying a cane
2 or using a guide dog in any place shall have all of the rights and
3 privileges conferred by law upon other persons, and the failure of a
4 blind or partially blind pedestrian to carry a cane or to use a guide
5 dog in any place shall not be held to constitute or be evidence of con-
6 tributory negligence.

1 SEC. 7. Any person, firm, or corporation, or the agent of any per-
2 son, firm, or corporation, who denies or interferes with the rights of
3 any person under this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon
4 conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than two hundred
5 (200) dollars.

1 SEC. 8. The governor shall annually take suitable public notice of
2 October 15 as white cane safety day. He shall issue a proclamation

3 commenting upon the significance of the white cane; calling upon the
 4 citizens to observe the provisions of this Act and sections three hun-
 5 dred twenty-one point three hundred thirty-two (321.332) and three
 6 hundred twenty-one point three hundred thirty-three (321.333) of the
 7 Code and to take precautions necessary for the safety of the disabled;
 8 reminding the citizens of the policies herein declared and urging the
 9 citizens to cooperate in giving effect to them; and emphasizing the
 10 need of the citizens to be aware of the presence of disabled persons in
 11 the community and to offer assistance to disabled persons upon appro-
 12 priate occasions.

1 SEC. 9. Sections three hundred fifty-one point thirty (351.30)
 2 through three hundred fifty-one point thirty-two (351.32), inclusive,
 3 Code 1966, are hereby repealed.

Approved May 22, 1967.

CHAPTER 119

OASI BENEFITS

H. F. 244

AN ACT relating to benefits to be given to retired persons under the Iowa Old-Age and Survivors' Insurance System who have reached the age of seventy-two years.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Section ninety-seven point fifty-one (97.51), Code
 2 1966, is hereby amended by adding at the end of subsection six (6)
 3 after the word "months" the words ", except that after a retired
 4 member reaches the age of seventy-two (72) years, the member, his
 5 wife and dependents shall be entitled to the benefits of this chapter
 6 regardless of the amount earned".

Approved June 8, 1967.

CHAPTER 120

I.P.E.R.S. INVESTMENTS

S. F. 650

AN ACT relating to investments of the Iowa public employees retirement fund.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Section ninety-seven B point seven (97B.7), subsec-
 2 tion two (2), paragraph b, Code 1966, is hereby amended as follows:
 3 1. By striking line eleven (11) and inserting in lieu thereof the
 4 following:
 5 "thorized for life insurance companies in this state including com-
 6 mon stocks issued or guaranteed by a corporation created or existing